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Believing the Strangest Things

Even as the public at large loses interest in ufology, there has been an increase of interest and participation in contacteeism on a global level. Whether the events of September 11, 2001 have played any role in this change cannot be ascertained, but a wealth of contactee-related stories have emerged from South America this year involving contactee cults. Perhaps the most notable of these accounts revolved around the activities of the Buenos Aires based "Lineamiento Universal Superior" or L.U.S. organization (Superior Universal Alignment), which is being accused of crimes against children. The contactee cult's leader, Valentina de Andrade, is also under suspicion. Thirteen children were raped in the Brazilian city of Pará and their genitalia mutilated for what appeared to be a satanic ritual. The victims were later sacrificed.

Physician Anisio Ferreira de Souza, an alleged member of the L.U.S. sect, is among the accused and is currently in jail. He is also under suspicion of having created an organization dedicated to murdering minors to steal their vital organs, and of having committed crimes in the states of Parana, Goias and Espirito Santo.

In 1992, Brazilian justice investigated Valentina and her group due to the disappearance of a child in the island of Guaratuba, in the southern state of Parana, where another children had become a victim to ritual crime. Valentina and her followers avoided prosecution when suspicions were proven to be unfounded.

While former members who denounced these abuses testified to the non-existence of ritual crime or the kidnapping of children by Valentina de Andrade, they did accuse her of having committed "coercive persuasion" after forcing a couple to turn over their baby daughter to a childless couple, and forcing other couples to leave their children with grandparents or other guardians in order to "leave the planet" aboard her spaceship. These children were believed to be "negative energies" by Valentina, who advised that they be left behind. Meanwhile, she portrayed herself as a lofty cosmic entity of "light, love and truth" who had become incarnate on Earth to perform a mission.

On a lighter note, we welcome Gloria R. Coluchi as a contributing editor. Ms. Coluchi's aid has been priceless in obtaining information on South American UFO/paranormal cases which have been distributed on a regular basis to the UFO community worldwide since early 2001. Please join us in welcoming Gloria to INEXPLICATA!

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Although much has been written about pre-1947 UFOs in the United States, our knowledge of "predawn" ufology in other parts of the world remains sketchy at best. Long-time INEXPLICATA Javier García Blanco tries to set the record straight with an article concerning UFO activity during a bloody and divisive period in Spain's history.

UFOs of the Spanish Civil War by Javier García Blanco

Ten years would have to pass before the so-called "modern age" of UFOs would kick off in 1947 with Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting. However, strange flying objects and their crews were already plowing across our skies, even as Spain was embroiled in a civil war.

Nationalist and Republican soldiers at the front wondered what those unidentified flying objects might be.

"Kenneth Arnold did not describe the objects he saw as "flying saucers", rather he said that the artifacts he had seen moved like saucers skipping off the water's surface." It was the press that came up with the equivocal designation. Curiously, from that moment onward, witnesses described objects resembling flying saucers." this is one of the arguments wielded by pseudoskeptics to deny the reality of the UFO phenomenon. To them, the UFO "myth" was born from a journalistic error. However, the truth is quite different. The "champions" of rationalism forget (whether intentionally or not) that much before Arnold saw those boomerang-shaped objects (for this was the actual description given of the objects), hundreds, if not thousands, of witnesses around the world had already described disk-shaped unidentified flying objects.

And Spain was no exception.

Researchers have gleaned a wealth of accounts which make mention of this type of object, since at the start of the century, when no one spoke of flying saucers and much less of UFOs. In fact, some ten years prior to the start of the modern UFO age and Arnold's sighting, Spain was fighting its Civil War.

It need not be said that the generation which was forced to live through that fratricidal conflict was not much given to imagining little green Martians. There were other more pressing concerns to worry about, but nevertheless, our files include several cases in which a variety of witnesses had face-to-face encounters with the phenomenon.

Like a Mexican Hat

The sun had already risen and the soldiers whose battalion defended the Peñón de la Mata position (to the north of the Province of Granada) on February 5, 1938 endured the cold as best they could.

They guarded their position carefully under perfectly cloudless skies and our witness--a fighter with the 76th Brigade--suddenly became aware of the presence of something abnormal in the skies over Granada.

Located at a considerable distance, and at an altitude of 200 meters, the soldier saw an object resembling "a Mexican hat" the color of flat aluminum. The sun's rays, reflecting off its surface, enabled him to see that it was a metallic device. It flew slowly as it approached the witness's position. It was then that he was able to observe it with greater detail:

"Seen from below, its shape was exactly that of a cartwheel. In its center, from where the spokes emerged, it had what looked like a photo camera lens and gave a sensation of depth."

When the object approached even closer, passing almost directly overhead, the soldier was even able to make out some curved black windows which appeared on the side of the remarkable "Mexican hat". The following is a transcript of an interview with the ABC Andalucía newspaper:

--Did the object leave a wake in its path or anything similar?

--Well, yes. It gave out a sort of vapor from its sides and gave the overall impression of having a small tail. I can't tell you exactly where it was coming from, but as it came out it formed what I already said: a little tail.

--Was its trajectory always straight or did it make any kind of turn?

--It made a slight skip as it moved away, similar to a pulse.

From that moment onward, he stopped looking at it, since the pressing reality was not conducive to distraction. For this reason he was unable to see how the object vanished, perhaps, over the horizon.

--Could you describe for us, as precisely as possible, what the object looked like?

--Overall it looked like a Mexican hat, as I've told you, but with the detail that its ends formed straight angles. Afterward, as it approached and passed almost directly overhead, I was able to see that it had small windows and was completely round. It gyrated in a counterclockwise motion. At first I thought it was a truck tire that had exploded, but "that thing" seemed to have a life of its own, aside from the

fact that had it been a truck tire, we would have seen it fall. Its diameter would have been approximately three meters.

--Which way did it go?

--From north to south.

This ends the soldier's description. But what exactly was it that those astonished fighters saw? A military prototype? In Spain, and in the 1930's? Let's see what J.J. Benítez has to say about military aviation during the Civil War in his book *La Punta del Iceberg*:

"In 1936, the Spanish Air Force was small and antiquated. The main fighter aircraft was the Nieuport NID 52 hemi-plane, of which it had 40 left. The aircraft with the largest number of operating units was the Breguet, a twin-engine biplane for reconnaissance and bombing operations (60 units). Germany's earliest aid took the shape of 20 Junkers aircraft. Shortly after, other Italian, German, Russian, French, American, Dutch, British and Czech vehicles would arrive."

However, despite the material aid from other countries and received by the various combatants, neither of these airplanes met the characteristics described by the eyewitness. A circular aircraft in 1938 Spain? While it is true that the Germans did design and build a number of circular wing aircraft, these vehicles did not come about until the Second World War, and could not very well have been flying over Spanish skies. [Anyone interested in man-made UFOs can consult the book *Los expedientes secretos del CESID*, written by our colleague Manuel Carballal].

The eyewitness, who chose to remain anonymous, wound up losing a leg three days after the sighting. Many years later he became a painter, and would sign a sworn statement attesting that what he had described was completely true.

Humanoids at the Guadalajara Front

Only five months after the sighting over Granada, other military men would become witnesses--this time in the city of Guadalajara--of a no less remarkable event.

It was half past eleven o'clock on the evening of July 25, 1938. The witnesses (a lieutenant and his aide) were descending down a gully located in the town of La Alcarria. Suddenly, a powerful white light drew their attention. Shortly after the light was extinguished, a disk-shaped object some 11 meters long and 5 meters high appeared before their eyes.

The disk which was some 60 meters away from them, appeared to be suspended at some two meters over the ground. The witnesses described it as: "two plates joined

on their convex sides, separated by a line or section of a darker color." Furthermore, the object's lower section had a sort of column which descended very slowly and appeared to contain two humanoid figures.

Next, the object began projecting a circle of bluish light on the ground. When the circle of light reached the military men, they felt a sensation of cold. Shortly afterward, the light turned off and the column rose in complete silence, all of this accompanied by colored sparks emanating from the object.

At the time, the onlookers believe they saw "the two halves" of the object begin to rotate, each in an opposite direction from the other. The disk began to project a powerful white glow and rose into the air with great speed, vanishing into the heavens. As with the Granada case, there is no apparent explanation for the sighting. In spite of the fact that both military men believed that they had witnessed a German prototype or something belonging to the "reds", we have already explained that this was materially impossible. The main witness (the lieutenant) rejected any publicity regarding the subject and insisted upon remaining anonymous to our colleague Manuel Carballal. Having eliminated the possibility of fraud, what is left? We can only accept that the UFO phenomenon was widespread in Spain in 1938.

UFO Landing in Avila

It was Juanjo Benítez who brought this case to light in his book *La Punta del Iceberg*. The eyewitness, Mariano Melgar, who was a 7 year-old boy at the time, had been sent by his parents to the town of Muñizo to safeguard him from the horrors and perils of the war. It was the summer of 1938, and one morning, while the boy tended to the cattle, the incredible event occurred.

"I looked after some of my relatives' cows at the time, and on that hot summer morning, at around twelve o'clock, I left town toward a rural area located some 2 or 3 kilometers from Muñizo. I reached the little forest and sat down among the trees while the cows ate in a nearby field. It was then that I heard a buzzing sound that almost pierced my eardrums. I looked up to the sky and saw a flash of light amid the blue. Suddenly I became aware that it was a circular device that fired off flashes like silver. It came down not far from the copse's edge and touched ground. I took shelter behind one of the trees and spied its movements."

It was then that Melgar closely observed a circular object measuring some 15 to 20 meters in diameter and which featured a sort of cupola on its upper half. Several legs which supported the object could be seen in its undersection and dozens of colored lights went on and off on the "ship's" fuselage.

Suddenly, a door opened on the structure and after lowering a ramp, three "men"

emerged: "Only a few seconds had gone by when I saw a "man" appear through the door. He was followed by a second one, and then a third.

But while the first two walked along the ramp and moved some five or ten meters away from the craft, the third, who was slightly shorter than the others, remained at the doorway. The first two men almost reached the top of the door, and I figure that the door was some two meters tall and another two wide. The fact is that the first two began collecting something, I couldn't tell you if it was plants or soil. One of them kneeled, of that I'm sure. They had something in their hands, perhaps it was a bag. I tried to approach the strange pilots, but I hadn't walked more that five meters when the one standing at the doorway fired a flash at me that almost landed me on my back. That scared me, so I went back to the trees."

After Mariano made a second attempt to approach, and received a similar discouragement, the "men", who seemed to be moving in slow-motion, returned to the vehicle. One of them made the unusual gesture of raising a hand as if waving to the youngster. "From there I was able to see the object taking off. First the ramp went back in and the door closed next. Then, within seconds, the device rose some 50 to 100 meters into the air, spinning on its own axis, and many colored lights could be seen. It then went away toward Barco de Avila."

This ends the boy's tale. He had remained in absolute silence about his unusual experience for forty years, until Benítez's fortuitous interview. As with the earlier cases, the then child identified the crewmen and their aircraft as "one of General Franco's aircraft." However, he himself acknowledged years later: "Today I know that "thing" couldn't have been related to our war in any way."

Epilogue for a War

The Spanish Civil War came to an end in March 1939, when Nationalist troops reached Madrid. However, UFO activity continued, apparently oblivious to the conflict's progress.

In May 1939, some residents of the Horcajada farmstead were startled by the unexpected arrival of a humanoid entity with metal legs, who was seen on a number of occasions. One of the witnesses, Adelaida Rubio, claims that the entity, whose appearances were always prefaced by a powerful flash, had the aspect of a "strange soldier", moving clumsily along with large strides.

Two months later, on July 1, 1939, several children who looked after cattle in Zahara de los Atunes (Cádiz) witnessed a flying object eighteen meters in diameter. When the UFO flew over their heads at low altitude, they felt a sensation of extreme heat. The object landed with a whistling sound some 30 meters away, kicking up a dust storm. A door emerged on the object's side and two beings emerged from within, one of them tall, and the other short and squat bearing a sort

of flashlight which was able to illuminate the surroundings despite the fact that it was noon. After walking some twenty paces away from the UFO, the beings turned around and re-entered the craft. The strange encounter lasted 15 minutes.

While Spain tried to rebuild after the horrors of the war, sightings and landings continued to occur all over the country. Cases earlier than 1947 (the start of the UFO "myth" for our illustrious pseudoskeptics) in Spain number in the dozens.

Who knows how many cases may have never been disclosed, remaining locked forever in their protagonists's memories? One way or another, these case which predate Arnold's show that UFOs were already crossing our skies when the words "flying saucer" had not yet been uttered.

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The Chupacabras continues to be a source of strange animal deaths in Puerto Rico. This report by José A. Martínez of Puerto Rico's PRRG establishes an interesting causal link between the phases of the moon and mutilations.

Animal Mutilations in Puerto Rico
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Mysterious animal deaths began to occur on July 28, 2001 in the southern reaches of the island of Puerto Rico, this time in the peaceful community of Guánica, specifically in the La Joya sector. These events played out a farm belonging to "don Gustavo", owner of several farm animals, who lost 60 pregnant sheep to an unknown predator. "don Gustavo" did not notify the police, since he felt the animals had been slain by stray dogs and therefore chose to bury them without giving researchers time to look into the matter.

August 2, 2001

Carmelo Sepúlveda would be next on the list for the predator commonly known as "Chupacabras". His rabbits were attacked at 3:00 a.m.--one animal was decapitated while the cage remained locked, and the male rabbit received injuries to its extremities.

The beheaded rabbit--the female--had its head within the cage, which showed no signs of having been opened. Its body, however was outside, and its entrails were still inside the cage; the extremities were missing. Only the animal's carcass remained. The surviving rabbit showed clear indications of fear.

One of Carmelo's neighbors heard the rabbits squealing and lit an outside bulb that faces toward his neighbor's animal cages. Since Carmelo himself could not see what was going on, he decided to go out and take a look. Upon doing so, he realized there was something resembling a child standing near one of the cages, but the poor light quality was not enough to let him make out any details. Whatever it was, it took shelter among Sepúlveda's cages, and the rabbit's squeals were extinguished.

In daylight, Carmelo went to check on his rabbits and was confronted by the savage scene. He phoned the police, an action which resulted in a visit from agent Rivera Rullán, Badge #2224, who filled out the complaint (police report) 01-3-029-02783.

August 6, 2001

Four days after the animal mutilations in the La Joya sector of Guánica, the creature attacked yet again--this time near the residence of Mrs. Rosa Flores. Two dead rabbits were found savagely mutilated within an unopened cage. One of them presented a completely empty chest cavity; only its heart was visible. Its legs, fur and eyes had been removed.

Another rabbit had also been stripped and its legs had been removed. Unlike the other animal, its chest cavity was intact, but it had been rendered completely bloodless.

Some of Mrs. Flores's neighbors heard dogs bark incessantly in the early hours of that Monday the 6th (around 3:00 a.m.). A commotion could be heard to come from their neighbor's chicken coops.

When we investigated the site, we found something unusual: claw-marks on several cages containing two fighting roosters. Three and four fingered claw marks were also found in the lower sections of these cages. It also turned out that the creature may have been accompanied by another of either smaller or greater size: footprints both large and small were found throughout the area along with canine prints.

August 14, 2001

Seven days after the mutilations at Mrs. Flores's, there was a renewed attack at Carmelo Sepúlveda's house: this time the rabbit which had survived the August 2nd attack was slain by the unknown assailant. A female rabbit was missing from another cage and was not seen again. The male rabbit's cage was still closed and the dead animal was in the right rear corner.

A necropsy was performed upon this rabbit to establish the damage to the animal. This step-by-step procedure was captured on video and photos were also taken. Mr. Carmelo was asked if any noises had been heard that night. His reply was negative, but that the neighborhood's dogs had been excited. However, Mr. Carmelo's neighbors were getting into their van as they headed toward the bakery in which they work, and noticed that a red light was reflecting off their vehicle. The female neighbor tried to ascertain its source, and looked toward a quenepa tree (leafy tree with edible fruit), where she saw a shadowy figure looking at her with red eyes. She got into the van and took off without saying a word to her husband until they reached the bakery. Her husband believed that it was merely a reflection of street lights against the van's metal, but upon investigation, it was proven that said street light does not reflect on the vehicle. Therefore, the area was completely dark. This leaves the possibility that the red light came from the creature having climbed up the fruit tree's branches. This case was filed with the Puerto Rican

police as complaint number 01-3-029-02908.

That very same night, another attack occurred twelve houses down the street from the Sepúlveda residence. It was not possible to conduct a thorough investigation here, because the slain animal's owners balked at allowing researchers onto the premises. However, such was Juan Vélez's insistence that he was given a dead rabbit in order to establish a cause of death. This too was impossible to accomplish, given that nothing was left of the animal but its skin and head. This family refused to call the police or the media, and we later discovered why: they had originally mocked Carmelo Sepúlveda and his losses, only to experience the deaths of 15 rabbits on their own property.

August 16, 2001

A renewed attack at Carmelo Sepúlveda's house. This time it was a female rabbit, wounded on the rear legs with superficial injuries on its back and teats. No animals died during this event. That very same evening we installed a security camera to determine what is causing the animal deaths; to date, only dogs, and cats have been recorded--nothing that could be termed anomalous. The dogs can be said to have been attracted by the blood from the rabbits' injuries, and the cats have been curious, but at no time did the canines attack the animals. It would be necessary to wait until the next full moon on September 2, 2001 to see if the unknown perpetrator could be recorded on video.

August 28, 2001

The unexpected occurred: an eyewitness saw the creature as it engaged in animal attacks. This happened around 10:00 p.m. while the moon was waxing. Three-fingered casts were obtained on this occasion.

September 2, 2001

Between 1 and 1:30 p.m. approximately the creature was seen by a teenager living on the second story of Mr. Carmelo Sepúlveda's house. According to the minor (who asked that her name be kept confidential): "I was nursing my baby when I heard a rattling in the carport. At that moment it led me to believe that someone was taking the beer bottles my dad had left on the carport's low walls, when I saw a shadow waddling like a penguin at the site, since the smoked glass door allowed me to see if there was someone there. When I went out to check, I saw a black shadow some 3 to 4 feet tall. I screamed for my mother, but the thing had already gone."

That very same evening a second security camera was installed, given that it was a night of full moon and a constant has already been confirmed regarding the

behavior of the so-called "Chupacabras".

September 5, 2001

The creature was seen around 10:00 p.m. in the yard of a house not far from the Sepúlveda's--Mrs. Gloria Carballo witnessed it at around 7:36 p.m. [missing fragment--Ed.] and it sped up, leaving a wake of sparks in what appeared to be a soundless explosion.

September 22, 2001

Carmelo Sepúlveda's female rabbit died of an apparent heart attack. This animal was the last one to be attacked by the Chupacabras and was badly injured in its extremities. It is not known if its death was due to a bacterial infection produced by the injuries.

Disinformation Groups

Unfortunately, there are groups in Puerto Rico that devote themselves to harm serious efforts at research such as this one, which apply scientific tools and methods. These individuals claim to hold doctorates in hypnosis, parapsychology, sexology, psychology, ufology, etc.

The alleged leader and founder of the group, named "Noel", boasts that extraterrestrials can be seen everywhere, and sees dimensional doorways everywhere his group goes, smell sulfur when the Chupacabras is around, see aliens on the beach whenever they hold skywatches--in short, a cascade of foolishness. These individuals lack the investigative equipment with which to support what they say on their radio broadcasts. They claimed to have performed a "necropsy" on one of Carmelo Sepúlveda's rabbits and announced this on their radio broadcast. One wonders how this could have been achieved when they only took the rabbit's head and left the rest of the carcass on Sepúlveda's front porch--a signal lack of professionalism.

According to our research, there are no laboratories in Puerto Rico that can certify the necropsy performed on the animal. There is only one laboratory in the city of Bayamón and it is a federal facility. A call was placed to this facility to obtain answers to a series of questions, and we were informed that they do not certify necropsies performed by civilian groups or organizations, only state or federal ones, and that the cost is considerable.

Some of the documents issued by this alleged research group are simply drafted on a PC and not by a laboratory; there are no official stamps or seals to accredit the

facility.

The theatrical release of Mike Pellington's "The Mothman Prophecies" (based on the book by John A. Keel) has reawakened interest in the often fearsome manifestations that accompany the occult. These shadowy figures are by no means limited to the United States or even to the Americas.

Strange Phenomena by Scott Corrales

Perhaps monster lore has not reached the level of popularity in the Spanish speaking countries that it has achieved in the United States, but this does not mean that there have not been worthwhile (and still unsolved) cases in Spain and Latin America, along with an enviable folkloric tradition to accompany them.

In certain regions, the sightings of monsters are closely linked to the practice of Black Magic (the islands of the Caribbean, Brazil, southern Spain), while in others, they have occurred in the context of the UFO phenomenon. Said cases will be elaborated upon next.

On Saturday, 13 November 1983, Eusebio Sánchez, 56, was returning to his home in the Spanish village of Vegas de Coria, walking alongside his mule with a cargo of cabbage. As he approached the bridge of Cruz de Animas, he noticed a shadowy figure creeping behind him. Unsure if it was one of his fellow villagers, Sánchez waited for the figure to come within range: it was tall and entirely black, "tall and thin like a statue", with enormous arms. Ominously, the dark apparition asked him: "Don't you know me?" and proceeded to jump (a la Springheel Jack) across the bridge and into the night.

Vegas de Coria was in the grip of a supernatural phenomenon every bit as terrifying and disturbing to its residents as Springheel Jack's cavorting was to London or Mothman's to Point Pleasant. The tiny village in the Extremadura region of Spain was barely a speck on the map, and far from any major city. Journalist and crack UFO investigator J.J. Benítez drove to Vegas de Coria in order to investigate the phenomenon first hand. The end result was a superb document entitled La Quinta Columna (The Fifth Column), which appeared in 1990.

Sánchez was not the only witness to the dark figure's frightening maneuvers: Two days before, Nicolás Sánchez (no relation) was about to open the door to his house when he heard a moan issuing from the middle of the street. He turned to look and noticed that it was a small black "bundle", as he described it. His curiosity piqued, he walked over to it. It was 9:45 pm.

"[...] When I was four or five steps away from it, that "thing" began to grow, getting bigger. Before I knew it, I was standing in front of a figure some six feet

tall or more, advancing toward me with a sound like the gnashing of teeth. I got goosebumps. I began walking backward a few meters, and the "giant" followed me. Jesus! I was so scared I couldn't speak. I wanted to call out to my parents, but it was impossible. I still don't know where I found the courage from, but I crouched and picked up two stones from the house wall, one in each hand, and I was willing to defend myself. I never got to raise my arms, though: just as I was about to hurl the stones, I shouted, "Take this, Satan!" and the creature stopped. It did an about face and headed up the road. Before it went out of sight, there was a large, lightning like flash, which made no sense, since the weather was good." (1)

All of this coinciding with a outbreak of UFO sightings and landings in well over a dozen locations throughout Spain, including a sensitive military installation on the straits of Gibraltar (2). Benítez went on to examine other UFO related monster sightings elsewhere in Spain, such as an electrifying sighting on the beaches of Conil, not far from the city of Cádiz, in October of 1989: a group of teenagers on the beach one early evening witnessed in terror the sudden appearance of two majestic, luminous figures after having observed the maneuvers of UFOs in the skies above them. The teenagers ran away in panic, regrouping some thirty meters away from the entities, which proceeded to transmute into a human male and female, dressed in street clothes. Through the aid of binoculars, the teens were able to observe the transformation and render accurate descriptions later on. The mystery couple walked away from the beach and toward the town's streets, mingling with the populace.

Things weren't over yet: a small white patch of what appeared to be fog was heading for the shore at a high rate of speed. From the cloud emerged a monstrous figure, nine feet tall, with a white, pear shaped head and clad in a black "jumpsuit". It stared at the frightened teenagers and then began walking in a westward direction. Lázaro and Pedro two of the five teens ran after it, stopping short when it turned around to look at them with eyes "like two black eggs." The stare was enough to cause them to beat a retreat, as the giant became lost in the darkness. All the while, the brightly hued UFOs continued to execute their aerial maneuvers. (3). It would seem as if the sudden appearance of the nine foot tall giant was somehow geared toward keeping the five witnesses from following what would have been an understandable course of action following the creatures that turned into humans by reinforcing their fear.

On the other side of the Atlantic, monsters also have been seen in Puerto Rico, well known for its heavy UFO activity. While witchcraft is practiced under many guises on the island, not all the sightings are connected to the dark arts but to the nocturnal activity of UFOs: unusual birds, ranging from pterodactyl like creatures to small, fanged predatory avians have been reported since the 1970's, when the UFO activity began in earnest. A more recent report (1988) from the Laguna Cartagena area, stated that the witness saw two humanoids "in what appeared to be

uniforms" guiding a large, hairy simian being. The trio "disappeared into the ground." Reports in a local tabloid, *El Vocero*, point to the depredations of a "mandrill" among the livestock of many farms on different parts of the island, an explanation sanctioned by the authorities as the reason for the strange mutilations. It is more than likely that the real culprit is a "big hairy monster", as opposed to an itinerant mandrill.

Mexican investigator Dr. Rafael A. Lara suggests in a recent issue of *Terra Incognita* that all these monsters, ranging from the BHM to Nessie and the UFO monsters seen by the adolescents at Conil are little more than "distortions of space time (which is to say, the past projected to the present or the future to the present)." He shares the same as other researchers in that these creatures could well be "rationalizations of the evil dwelling within our unconscious." The big hairy monsters have been identified by some Mexican researchers with the humans that were turned into apes, according the Aztec tradition in another "age of the sun", which ended with enormous winds destroying life on earth. This tradition is part of *La leyenda del quinto sol* (the legend of the fifth sun). Curiously enough, our "sun" or age happens to be known as *sol de movimiento*, the sun of movement, indicating that the end of this age will come about via tremendous earthquakes. Could the global seismic activity of the early nineties be trying to tell us something?

Another outbreak of UFO related monsters that went largely unnoticed occurred in the Dominican Republic. The locality of Barahona a small town in the Caribbean nation's sugarcane producing region was beset by two terrifying entities that were allegedly responsible for the large number of mutilations of farm and domestic animals. In December of 1978, a creature resembling a large black dog (similar to the "Black Shuck" of Great Britain) repeatedly mutilated small animals like dogs, cats, chickens, and rabbits under cover of darkness and with chilling finesse: it made its way into chicken coops and pens by somehow opening the gates without destroying them (4). Local residents believed that the otherworldly creature had some sort of "intelligence" that allowed it to elude their best efforts at catching it (the same observation has been made by monster hunters worldwide).

In a matter of months, the murderous phantom dog was joined by an even more fearsome manifestation: a cadaverous being resembling a human female. Those who managed to see it closely noted that its face "appeared to be covered with cotton" (ectoplasm?). The entity was also blamed for a number of mutilations.

Barahona is almost on the border of voodoo ridden Haiti, and it is, in fact, an area that has received much negative publicity in recent years on account of the suffering experienced by Haitian sugar cane cutters at the hands of Dominican taskmasters. The locals were much more willing to believe that the entities were the product of some sorcerous lore than UFOs, even though the entire island

happened to be in the grip of a small "flap" for a number of weeks that preceded and followed the mutilations.

While Barahona was victimized by its two monsters, UFO occupants were being seen in a suburb of Santo Domingo. Five women sitting on the porch one evening watched as a brilliant object in the night sky fired two beams behind a nearby hill before disappearing. The women believed that it was some sort of airplane until they noticed two lights advancing toward them from the darkness. The lights turned out to be three conical humanoids with what appeared to be lanterns fastened to their chests.

Frightened at the sight of the beings, the women began to scream for help, drawing the attention of other neighbors. In retaliation, the three creatures began to make loud noises "similar to the rapid opening and shutting of a metal door". By the time the nearest neighbor had responded to their call for help, the beings had disappeared (5).

In the same suburban area, a watchman was confronted by robed, cat eyed entity. With a prayer on his lips, the watchman swung his heavy machete at the thing, which tried to duck the blow and proceeded to vanish instantly. Startled by the unexpected outcome, the watchman proceeded to inspect the dark, wooded surroundings all by himself: of such stuff are heroes made.

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It is always an honor and a pleasure to feature the words of Salvador Freixedo in the pages of INEXPLICATA. Freixedo, Spanish-speaking ufology's foremost paranormal researcher and theoretician, author of *Israel Pueblo Contacto* and *Defendamonos de los Dioses*, has summarized his thoughts on the UFO phenomenon and shares them with our readers.

**Reflections on the Current State of Ufology--May 2001
by Salvador Freixedo**

- There are extra-human, intelligent (non-corporeal?) beings on our planet.
- For those without prejudice, the increasingly greater presence of UFOS in our skies and the mysterious and marvelous crop circles seen in so many countries are proof of this.
- We must put aside being surprised at their incomprehensible behavior.
- The presentation of new cases contributes to a fuller understanding, but it is of secondary importance. The phenomenon must today be considered from a sociological and psychological standpoint, related with the evolution of the human race.
- It is logical to lack a thorough understanding of them, since they hail from another dimension or plane of existence (in the same way that animals are only able to comprehend some of our actions).
- They have been on this world for millions of years, and have been here before we appeared.
- There exists the impression that some of them are arriving from beyond the planet.
- The reason they have not openly presented themselves is that they prefer to keep us believing that we own this planet and act with complete freedom. Along these lines, the reader shall discover other reasons for their secrecy.
- As occurs with humans, there are some among these beings who are evolved and beneficial to mankind, while there are other who are malevolent and only want to use us or toy with us.
- They make use of us in different ways (just like humans make use of animals in different ways) and we are unaware of being used.

- It would seem that they employ the subtle energy produced by our brain and our psyche as a whole (emotions, fears, hatred, pain, joy).
- It would seem that the presence of malevolent ones is felt with greater strength than that of the good ones. The latter appear to obey some cosmic law which consists of non-interference. The former do not abide by this law and their presence among us is much greater and noticeable.
- It is a great mistake to believe that since they are more technically advanced than we (to judge by the devices they use to move through our atmosphere) that they are also ethically evolved. Their actions tell us that this is not the case, although it may be that their ethics are different from our own.
- Their means of traveling the Cosmos transcends our knowledge and the laws of physics, as noted by great physicists and mathematicians (i.e., Fred Hoyle and Perkins), and as the aliens themselves have said on many occasions. The "dogma" of nothing being able to exceed the speed of light is false, as accepted by experimental physicists.
- These superhuman intelligences created the different races of Man throughout the millennia using apes as stock (Curiously, DNA tests have shown that none of the current human races has any connection to the Neanderthal man). To judge by abundant fossil remains, our planet has been the home of many different human races (some of them giants) who have existed and vanished over the course of many millions of years, contrary to the beliefs stated by archaeologists and paleontologists.
- The intelligent non-human creatures among us are very diverse and have diverse origins. While some appear to hail from physical worlds similar to our own, others appear to come from other dimensions or planes of existence which are hard to locate in a physical realm, and very hard to envision in our minds, which are locked in a three-dimensional world. Nonetheless, these beings, while in our world, act according to our physical laws.
- Their purposes are also different and we are aware of rivalries and struggles among them.
- Some of these beings have the capacity to adopt completely human shapes, which enable them to live with us without being detected.
- Human religions have been invented by these beings as a strategy to control our minds. To implement them throughout the millennia, they have made use of humans who have been trained in a special way (Of course, I'm referring to the

founders of all the great religions).

- All religions serve a specific purpose of the non-humans, although humans do not exactly know what this purpose may be. It probably has to do with the mental, emotional and social climate generated by each religion in the long run.

- The authentic miracles which come about in all religions are directly or indirectly the work of these beings and are aimed at binding the minds of the faithful.

- These non-human intelligences have the capacity to influence the human mind at will. They normally do not do so individually, but have done it on a collective scale, influencing the course of human history. To do this, they have availed themselves of the leaders of many nations, who have unconsciously followed their indications. In many cases, these beings (often taken for gods) indicated their will through dreams, apparitions, inspirations or by using soothsayers and diviners who were consulted by kings and leaders.

- However, there is also the direct and individual influence of these beings on humans. In ufology, these individuals are known as "contactees". There are hundreds of thousands of them in all continents and social levels, although the majority of them keep it secret out of a fear of being considered insane. Some--the minority--have benefitted from contact. However, most of them have been negatively affected and their minds have been left disarrayed and confused. The fact is that the majority of these beings have a tendency to lie and toy with the contactee. We are to them what animals are to us: we love or hate animals, we can benefit them or hunt them down, but in the end, we always make use of them.

- Contact may be purely mental (as the contactee hears a voice within his head) or visual (apparently physical), as the contactee sees the object or the person communicating with him.

- The content of the message received by the contactee tends to be eschatological or cosmogonical in nature, heralding major changes and catastrophes due to the abuses we are inflicting upon the planet, or regarding the history of the Earth and the solar system. The being may present itself as a deity or higher being who urges the contactee to disclose the news and converts the site into a place of pilgrimage or worship where the masses may gather. These messages tend to combine some truths with many untruths.

- These beings, much like their vehicles, are normally invisible to the human eye, although they may become visible at will. On many occasions only small groups of people have seen them, but photo cameras, radar and underwater sonar have captured them an infinite number of times. In recent years there have been waves of UFOs seen by thousands of people (for example, in Mexico, Peru, Chile and

Belgium) and in the 1950's, they were seen for an entire week over the U.S. Capitol. There are thousands of photographs and videos of these objects.

- The world's powers are not only in contact with one group or another of these beings, but have been collaborating with them for some fifty years on largely military projects involving a mechanical, psychic and biological technology completely unknown to the official scientific community. Some of these technologies were deployed during the Gulf War.

- The Great Powers deny such contact exists and have expended huge sums of money to keep humankind from knowing this. In their zeal to achieve this, they have bypassed constitutions and legal codes. But there is an infinity of proof to the contrary. The mass media has been bought off, deceived or gagged to keep the truth from being known. One of the most common ways to keep the masses from finding this out is to ridicule researchers, making them seem insane or anti-scientific, but on many occasions they have gone as far as to kill scientists and important persons who might divulge the truth.

- The SETI project, as well as Project Blue Book, the Condon, Robertson, and Sturrock Reports, and various Air Force statements are deceptions perpetrated by the U.S. authorities to make people believe that serious study is being conducted on the subject.

- At this time, ufology's main task should be to try to find to what extent the secret masters of the planet (among which the military is prevalent and not necessarily those who appear in the newspapers) are conniving with these alien intelligences and what are their ultimate aims.

- These great world leaders are contactees in their own way, and it is likely that they are being deceived like the majority of normal contactees. In this case, humanity is being led to the edge of a precipice.

- To judge by the enormous environmental deterioration (which has become a manifest change in the world's climate) and the state of social, mental and spiritual agitation throughout the planet, one cannot help but believe that we are being led to global catastrophe.

- There is the impression that ideologies, customs, technologies, amusements and economic systems which are suicidal to humanity are being imposed on us through the mass media, mainly television. World leaders, who are largely dishonest, corrupt and addicted to power, are blind to the serious problems facing humanity and are clumsily and unconsciously following the orders of something that wants to destroy humanity or enslave it.

- The majority of ufologists are upset that the great powers will not admit to the presence of these beings among us, while others believe that the time is approaching when they will have no choice but to make such an admission. But I wonder: when they speak to us, will they tell us the whole truth? And what will we do when they say it? Will we then become concerned over what the intentions of these cosmic beings or visitors may be?

- If they are among us, if they are more intelligent than us, and if they have spent so much time among us, it is only logical to believe that we have been manipulated and still manipulate us in some way, just as more evolved humans have manipulated and used less-evolved cultures in a thousand ways). Therefore, wouldn't it be convenient to start to find out what their intentions are, to channel them to our benefit or to defend against them should they prove harmful? I think that this is more important than presenting new cases, remain startled by their erratic behavior or express our discontent at officialdom's silence.

- If humanity finally becomes aware that it has been deceived and used for millennia, would this not be a great piece of news to stir us up and make us forsake false values we have hitherto considered basic or sacred (nations, races, religions, languages) but which in the long run have only promotes war, injustice and divisions, and began to change the horrors of human history into a more rational and just one? Have these "sacred values" been a ploy by these intelligences to keep us distracted and not realizing that we are slaves?

What is the ultimate purpose of these non-human intelligences? Discovering it should be ufology's avowed task. Are they invading us in some way, although we are unaware of it?

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A Random Sampling of Hispanic Ufology in Print

Los Expedientes Secretos: El CESID, el control de las creencias y los fenómenos inexplicables

by Manuel Carballal. Ediciones Planeta. Madrid: 2001. 494 pg.

INEXPLICATA has been long overdue in reviewing what is probably the book the shuts the door on a great many "open" UFO/paranormal cases of the 20th century, and our very own contributing editor Manuel Carballal is responsible for this mammoth volume on the deceitful role played by the Spanish intelligence agency (CESID) in confusing and mystifying journalists and researchers alike when it comes to paranormal investigation.

Upon opening the cover, the reader can feel the warm ocean breeze as the author goes to Cuba to look into the links between the intelligence services and the religion of santería, whose undeniable attraction has been used as a means of collecting intelligence by the island nation's government. Carballal returns to his native Spain to examine the role played by psychics and sensitives, including a priest who uses the pendulum for divination. The author delves into the strange case of the Albacete mutilations and their link to the UMMO hoax, following a thread passes through Morocco's Yezidi cult and its bizarre rites. An important note should be made of the presence of Nazi SS physicians during the Albacete mutilations, who would be subsequently identified as "space-faring ummites."

But the Iberian peninsula appears not hold enough mysteries for Carballal, who visits far-flung Mongolia in search of further clues to the ties between intelligence agencies and the paranormal. Sharing a bottle of Mongolian vodka made from mare's milk, he interviews General Battsagan Tsiiregzen, who elaborated on one of the most important psy-ops missions in recent memory: the 1982 "apparition" of the Blessed Virgin over Havana, supposedly projected by a U.S. submarine. "As I was able to ascertain," writes Carballal, "many eyewitnesses experienced genuine emotional shock. A policeman who saw the apparition from the waterfront drew his pistol and opened fire against the apparition...the hapless officer was taken to a hospital and later received psychiatric treatment."

Even more shocking is the statement that Spain's CESID "abducted" beggars off the streets to subject them to experiments aimed at testing a drug geared toward immobilizing victims without affecting their vital functions...a drug to be employed against enemies of the state.

A brief review such as this cannot possibly do justice to the years of work and tens of thousands of miles that Manuel Carballal has put into Los Expedientes Secretos. Its nearly five hundred pages force the reader to realize that there are other more mundane forces at work in the study of the paranormal--forces that cleverly employ UFOs, abductions, and other phenomena for their own purposes.

INEXPLICATA gives Los Expedientes Secretos : * * * *